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(300) FIRST LEAD IKE-CHRISTMAS
BY FRANCES LEWINE

WASHINGTON, DEC. 23 (AP)—PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, WHOSE VOICE HAS BEEN BROADCASTING A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE OF PEACE FROM SPACE, ADDED A PERSONAL PLEA TONIGHT FOR COOPERATION AMONG NATIONS.

JUST BEFORE HE PUSHED A BUTTON SETTING AGLOW A TOWERING NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE, THE PRESIDENT SAID HE WISHED HE COULD "BY THE LIGHT OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION" ILLUMINATE THE DARKNESS THAT SOMETIMES ENCOMPASSES THE WORLD.

WITH MRS. EISENHOWER STANDING BY, THE PRESIDENT WISHED AMERICA AND THE WORLD PEACE AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS AS HE STOOD HATLESS IN A GRAY SUIT AT THE OPENING OF THE ANNUAL PAGEANT OF PEACE (CAPS P,P) IN A PARK SOUTH OF THE WHITE HOUSE.

EISENHOWER EMPHASIZED "I AGAIN GIVE MY SOLEMN WORD" THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND THEIR GOVERNMENT "DO NOT WANT WAR" AND "WILL ALWAYS WELCOME AND ACCEPT SERIOUS AND HONEST PROPOSALS TO NEGOTIATE INTERNATIONAL DIFFERENCES."

RAINDROPS BEGAN TO FALL IN THE PARK ALMOST AS THE PRESIDENT ARRIVED BY CAR FROM THE WHITE HOUSE. A SOFT RAIN CONTINUED FOR THE HALF-HOUR CEREMONY. BUT THE CROWD OF 7,500 REMAINED TO GIVE AN AUDIBLE SIGH OF DELIGHT AS THE GREAT TREE--A GIANT ENGLEMAN SPRUCE FROM A MOUNTAIN FOREST NEAR LIBBY, MONTANA--BURST INTO SHIMMERING LIGHT AT THE PRESIDENT'S TOUCH. AMID THE RED, BLUE, YELLOW AND SILVER BALLS, ORNAMENTS AND CANDY CANES WERE 49 GOLD STARS FOR THE STATES OF THE UNION.

AND NEARBY ON THE SPACIOUS GROUNDS OF THE PARK WERE EIGHT REINDEER, A GIFT FROM ALASKA, ON ITS FIRST CHRISTMAS SINCE CONGRESS VOTED TO MAKE IT A STATE.

THE PRESIDENT, PUTTING ON HIS GLASSES, READ HIS MESSAGE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND "TO THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD." HE STOOD PROTECTED FROM THE RAIN ON A WHITE STAGE DECORATED WITH SIX 10-FOOT RED CHRISTMAS CANDLES.

MRS. EISENHOWER WORE A SMALL RED HAT, A RED AND BLACK PRINT DRESS AND RED GLOVES SHOWING FROM HER BEAVER COAT.

BRINGING GREETINGS TO THE EISENHOWERS FROM THE YOUTH OF THE NATION WERE GIRL SCOUT ELIZABETH ANNE LAMPHERE OF FAIRFAX COUNTY, VA., WHO GAVE MRS. EISENHOWER A BOUQUET OF RED ROSES, AND BOY SCOUT ROBERT ELDER OF ARLINGTON, VA.

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE OF "PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN" IS NOT AN IDEAL OF CHRISTIANITY ALONE NOR LIMITED TO AMERICANS AND PEOPLE OF THE FREE WORLD, EISENHOWER SAID, ADDING:

"IT IS MATCHED IN YEARNING IN THE INNERMOST THOUGHTS OF ALL PEOPLES. IT IS A UNIVERSAL, DIVINE SPARK THAT LIGHTS THE SOUL OF MANKIND."

SO, HE SAID, AS CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR DRAW CLOSE, HE AGAIN OFFERED HIS SOLEMN WORD ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO THOSE OF THE WORLD:

"THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND THEIR GOVERNMENT DO NOT WANT WAR. THEY WANT TO WORK STEADFASTLY TO MAKE 'PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN' A REALITY FOR ALL HUMANKIND."

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: (ABOUT 450)

"MY FELLOW AMERICANS--
"TONIGHT I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK NOT ONLY TO YOU--BUT FOR YOU--
TO THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD."

"THIS IS THE TIME OF YEAR WHEN CHRISTIANS CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF THE FOUNDER OF THEIR FAITH. IT IS ALSO THE TIME WHEN ALL PEOPLES, REGARDLESS OF RELIGIOUS BELIEF, LOOK FORWARD WITH HOPE TO THE COMING OF ANOTHER YEAR. IT IS QUIRE APPROPRIATE, THEREFORE, TO SPEAK TONIGHT OF CHRISTMAS AND OF THE NEW YEAR--FOR BOTH CAN BRING A NEW ANTICIPATION OF A BETTER, A MORE PEACEFUL, WORLD TO THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF MEN AND WOMEN EVERYWHERE--OF ALL CREEDS--OF ALL IDEOLOGIES--OF ALL NATIONS."

"THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE OF 'PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN' IS NOT ALONE AN IDEAL OF CHRISTIANITY. IT IS A BASIC ASPIRATION OF CHRISTIAN, JEW, MOSLEM, HINDU, BUDDHIST ALIKE--OF EVERY PERSON IN THE WORLD WHO HAS FAITH IN AN ALMIGHTY GOD."

"IT IS NOT LIMITED TO US AS AMERICANS OR EVEN TO PEOPLE OF THE FREE WORLD. IT IS MATCHED IN YEARNING IN THE INNERMOST THOUGHTS OF ALL PEOPLES. IT IS A UNIVERSAL, DIVINE SPARK THAT LIGHTS THE SOUL OF MANKIND."

"AS WE NEAR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR I AGAIN GIVE MY SOLEMN WORD ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD:

"THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND THEIR GOVERNMENT DO NOT WANT WAR. THEY WANT TO WORK STEADFASTLY TO MAKE 'PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN' A REALITY FOR ALL HUMANKIND."

"THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES DO NOT WISH TO ENSLAVE OR CONTROL ANY OTHER NATION OR ANY OTHER PEOPLE. THEY SEEK ONLY TO ENJOY WITH THEIR FELLOWMEN PEACE--A PEACE OF HONOR AND JUSTICE. THEY RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLE TO DO THE SAME."

"THE UNITED STATES IS STRONG--AND WILL REMAIN STRONG--BECAUSE THAT IS THE ONLY WAY IN TODAY'S WORLD THAT THE PEACE CAN BE PROTECTED--BUT THE UNITED STATES WILL NEVER USE ITS STRENGTH TO BREAK THE PEACE."

"THOUGH THE UNITED STATES WILL NEVER RETREAT IN THE FACE OF FORCE--OR THE THREAT OF FORCE--IT WILL ALWAYS WELCOME AND ACCEPT SERIOUS AND HONEST PROPOSALS TO NEGOTIATE INTERNATIONAL DIFFERENCES."

"THE UNITED STATES HAS PLEDGED ITS NATIONAL HONOR TO WORK FOR PEACE. FOR US, THIS PLEDGE IS NO LESS THAN A SACRED OBLIGATION. IT IS FREELY--BUT NOT LIGHTLY--GIVEN TO THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD."

"AS I PRESS THIS BUTTON AND THE DARKNESS SURROUNDING THE NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE IS ILLUMINATED BY LIGHT, I HOPE THAT THIS CEREMONY HAS GREATER SIGNIFICANCE TO ALL AMERICANS AND TO THE WORLD THAN JUST THE LIGHTING OF A TREE. I PRAY THAT THE DARKNESS, WHICH AT TIMES HAS ENCOMPASSED THE WORLD, MAY BE ILLUMINATED BY THE LIGHT OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION OF ALL THE NATIONS THAT EARNESTLY SEEK PEACE IN THE YEAR AHEAD."

"TO THE MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF AMERICA AND TO ALL PEOPLES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD--A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR."

"GOOD NIGHT--AND PEACE BE WITH YOU!"

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BULLETIN
CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA., DEC. 23 (AP)--AN ATLAS MISSILE, VERY SIMILAR TO AMERICA'S "CHRISTMAS SATELLITE," ROARED ALOFT TONIGHT WITH ITS THREE ENGINES BLAZING AGAINST THE BLACK FLORIDA SKY.

THIS IS THE SECOND ATLAS FIRED IN ^{five} DAYS IN THE AIR FORCE'S STEPPED UP PROGRAM TO DEVELOP A DEVASTATING WAR ROCKET CAPABLE OF SPANNING INTERCONTINENTAL RANGE.

THE CAPE AND THE NEARBY MISSILE TOWN OF COCOA BEACH BUZZED WITH RUMORS ABOUT THE SHOOT.

SOME THOUGHT THE FLIGHT MIGHT BE AS SPECTACULAR AS LAST THURSDAY'S, WHEN A FOUR-TON ATLAS SHELL BLASTED INTO ORBIT TO BECOME AMERICA'S LARGEST SATELLITE.

THERE ALSO WERE REPORTS THAT SOMETHING ALIVE MIGHT BE SPINNING THROUGH SPACE ABOARD THE CONVAIR MISSILE, BUT NONE OF THIS COULD BE CONFIRMED.

HOWEVER, THE BEST BET APPEARED TO BE A LAUNCHING AIMED AT ABOUT 3,000 MILES OVER THE ATLANTIC MISSILE RANGE.

THIS WAS THE INITIAL ATTEMPT TO FIRE THE FIRST OF THE SO-CALLED "C SERIES" IN THE ATLAS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. THE THREE ROCKETDYNE ENGINES AND THE MISSILE FRAME WERE MODIFIED SLIGHTLY FOR THIS SERIES, LIGHTENING THE MASSIVE MISSILE'S WEIGHT BY ABOUT 100 POUNDS.

THE CHATTERBOX ATLAS SATELLITE WAS SWINGING AROUND THE GLOBE IN TOP FORM, BEAMING OUT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S "PEACE ON EARTH GOOD WILL

TOWARD MEN" MESSAGE AS TONIGHT'S 80-FOOT ROCKET SURGED SKYWARD.

THE 120-TON ROCKET STRUGGLED STRAIGHT UP WITH A FLASH OF WHITE FLAME AND A DEAFENING ROAR AT 11:45 P.M. (EST).

THE CAPE AREA WAS ILLUMINATED MUCH MORE THAN USUAL BECAUSE THE REMENDOUS BACK BLAST FROM THE MISSILE REFLECTED OFF A LOW GROUND HAZE. THE MASSIVE ROCKET ACCELERATED STEADILY AS IT CLIMBED. AFTER ABOUT 60 SECONDS IT SHOT INTO A BANK OF PUFFY WHITE CLOUDS AND CURVED EASTWARD.

IT WAS WITHIN SIGHT FOR MORE THAN FOUR MINUTES AS A DOT OF LIGHT. A FLARING WHITE TRAIL FOLLOWED IN THE MISSILE'S WAKE.

AS THEY DID LAST THURSDAY DURING THE SUPER SECRET SATELLITE LAUNCH, AIR FORCE OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED SEVERAL MINUTES LATER THAT "THE TEST WAS ONE OF A CONTINUING SERIES OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FLIGHT TESTS OF THE ATLAS WEAPONS SYSTEM."

ATLAS' POWER PACKAGE POURED OUT SOME 360,000 POUNDS OF THRUST AS THE MISSILE BOLTED ALOFT. THE MISSILE'S TWO BOOSTER ROCKETS AND MAIN SUSTAINER ENGINE WERE FIRING AT FULL THRUST.

IF ALL WENT WELL--AND UNOFFICIAL REPORTS WERE TRUE THAT THE FLIGHT COVERED 3,000 MILES--THE "BIG A" WOULD SPLASH INTO THE ATLANTIC SOME 15 MINUTES AFTER LAUNCHING.

THIS WAS THE 17TH ATLAS FIRING IN JUST OVER A YEAR. THE LAST NINE HAVE CARRIED THE MISSILE'S FULL POWER SUPPLY.

OF THOSE NINE TESTS, ONE ATLAS WENT INTO ORBIT, ONE BROKE THE INTER-CONTINENTAL RANGE BARRIER ON A SENSATIONAL FLIGHT NOV. 29, TWO BLEW UP AND FIVE WENT ABOUT 3,000 MILES.

THE LATEST APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL ATLAS LAUNCHING CAME JUST FOUR DAYS AFTER ITS BIG BROTHER, THE TITAN ICBM, SPUTTERED OUT ON THE GROUND ON THE FIRST ATTEMPTED LAUNCHING.

CONVAIR IS PRESSING TO MAKE IT'S ROCKET READY FOR INITIAL OPERATION-AL CAPABILITY BY LATE 1959. FOUR LAUNCHING SITES ALREADY ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT STRATEGIC LOCATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

SECURITY PREVENTED ANY EXPLANATION OF THE EXACT CHANGES IN TONIGHT'S MISSILE COMPARED WITH THE LAST NINE PREDECESSORS. THE ATLAS, TOPPED BY A FLAT TACTICAL TYPE NOSE CONE, APPEARED TO LOOK ABOUT THE SAME TO NEWSMEN WHO WATCHED IT GLOWING IN THE RAYS OF SEARCHLIGHTS FROM A DISTANCE OF ABOUT TWO MILES.

THIS ATLAS WAS HOUSED IN A SPECIALLY BUILT-UP SERVICE TOWER WHICH CAUSED MUCH SPECULATION WHEN IT WAS FIRST NOTICED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. AT THE TIME THE AIR FORCE ANNOUNCED THE EXTENSION WAS MADE TO ACCOMMODATE FUTURE ATLAS PROGRAMS EXPECTED LATE NEXT YEAR.

ATLAS, WHICH PROVED ITS WORTH AS A SATELLITE LAUNCHER, IS EXPECTED TO PROVIDE THE BOOSTER FOR HUGE SATELLITES WHICH WILL BE FIRED FROM THE NEW VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, CALIF., LAUNCHING SITE NEXT YEAR. SJ1212AES NM

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NIGHT LEAD NASSER

CAIRO, DEC. 23 (AP)--PRESIDENT NASSER ATTACKED COMMUNISTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST TODAY, CLASSING THEM WITH IMPERIALISTS AND ZIONISTS AS AGENTS OF DISUNITY IN THE ARAB WORLD.

THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC LEADER TOOK AN UNUSUAL OCCASION FOR ONE OF HIS RARE ATTACKS ON THE REDS--THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF BRITISH AND FRENCH TROOPS AFTER THEIR INVASION OF THE SUEZ CANAL ZONE IN 1956.

SOVIET RUSSIA AND RED CHINA SUPPORTED NASSER THEN AND OFFERED TO SEND VOLUNTEERS.

CROWDS CHEERED NASSER AS HE SPOKE AT PORT SAID, PORT OF EMBARKATION WHEN THE BRITISH AND FRENCH FORCES WITHDREW.

NASSER PRAISED THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC. THEN HE TURNED ON THE COMMUNISTS WHO HAVE BEEN CAUSING HIM TROUBLE IN THE U.A.R. PROVINCE OF SYRIA.

"THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN SYRIA WAS OPPOSED TO THE UNION OF EGYPT AND SYRIA BECAUSE THE COMMUNISTS THOUGHT UNION WOULD DESTROY THEIR OPPORTUNITIES," HE SAID. "BUT THE COMMUNISTS WERE UNABLE TO RAISE THEIR HEADS IN THE FACE OF ARAB NATIONALISM."

"REACTIONARY FORCES AND COMMUNIST FORCES STOOD UP AGAINST THE UNION BUT YOUR FORCE (ARAB NATIONALISM) MADE THEM RETREAT. THEY WILL NEVER DARE TO FACE THE PEOPLE."

"THE COMMUNISTS REFUSED TO HAVE THE NATION UNITED AS ONE TO FIGHT ITS ENEMIES. CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY CALLED FOR SEPARATION..."

"THIS IS A ZIONIST AND A REACTIONARY CALL WHICH WOULD ENABLE THOSE POWERS TO RETURN AND EXPLOIT OUR COUNTRY...BUT WITH UNION WE ARE VICTORIOUS IN PORT SAID AGAINST ZIONISM AND IMPERIALISM AND WITH UNION WE SHALL FIGHT ALL THOSE WHO WORK AGAINST UNION AND NATIONALISM."

NASSER DECLARED HE WOULD NOT PERMIT CAPITALISM AND FEUDALISM TO DOMINATE ARABS BECAUSE "WE HAVE A SOCIAL IDEOLOGY ADAPTED TO OUR RELIGION AND COMMUNITY."

THE PRESIDENT WOUND UP HIS SPEECH WITH A DECLARATION THAT HIS COUNTRY IS DETERMINED TO FOLLOW A POLICY OF NONALIGNMENT. HE CALLED FOR AN END TO "SPHERES OF INFLUENCE AND A GUARANTEE OF THE RIGHT OF EVERY PEOPLE TO INDEPENDENCE."

NASSER'S REMARKS WERE SIGNIFICANT FOR THEY UNDERLINED THE GROWING ANTAGONISM OF ARAB NATIONALISTS TOWARD THE COMMUNISTS. SOME NATIONALISTS HAVE ACCUSED THE REDS OF TRYING TO TAKE OVER THE NEW REVOLUTIONARY REGIME IN IRAQ.

THE UAR PRESIDENT CALLED 1958 "A YEAR OF VICTORY" FOR ARAB NATIONALISM.

"SEE WHAT HAPPENED IN 1958. UNITY BETWEEN EGYPT AND SYRIA WAS REALIZED. THE BAGHDAD (ANTI-COMMUNIST) PACT COLLAPSED AFTER WE HAD FOUGHT IT SINCE 1955. NEW NATIONALISM IS PROGRESSING. WE STARTED FIVE YEAR INDUSTRIALIZATION PLANS IN EGYPT AND SYRIA AND DECIDED TO BUILD THE (ASWAN) HIGH DAM."

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THE NASSER ATTACK ON THE COMMUNISTS CAME AT A TIME WHEN EGYPT IS CONCLUDING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE RUSSIANS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST STAGE OF THAT DAM AND WHEN SOVIET ARMS ARE CONTINUING TO ARRIVE FOR HIS ARMED FORCES.

ALONG WITH THESE SOVIET GESTURES OF GOOD WILL, HOWEVER, THE COMMUNISTS IN IRAQ RECENTLY STAGED ANTI-U.A.R. STREET DEMONSTRATIONS. AND SYRIAN COMMUNISTS ARE REPORTED STILL AGITATING AGAINST THE UNION WITH EGYPT.

THE STRONG LANGUAGE NASSER USED INDICATES THAT ACCEPTANCE OF SOVIET AID HAS NOT CRIPPLED HIS FREEDOM OF ACTION POLITICALLY.

THE PORT SAID SPEECH WAS SEEN AS ANOTHER STRAW IN THE WIND INDICATING THAT NASSER'S RELATIONS WITH THE WEST ARE IMPROVING SOMEWHAT, ALTHOUGH RECONCILIATION IS STILL FAR OFF.

ANTI-WESTERN PROPAGANDA FROM CAIRO HAS TONED DOWN MARKEDLY AND THE EGYPTIANS CURRENTLY ARE NEGOTIATING WITH BOTH THE BRITISH AND THE FRENCH TOWARD A SETTLEMENT OF THEIR ECONOMIC DIFFERENCES.

NASSER PAID A BRIEF TRIBUTE TO THE SOVIET UNION FOR THE ULTIMATUM TO THE BRITISH-FRENCH FORCES IN NOVEMBER 1956 WHICH HELPED TO END THE SUEZ WAR AND HE ATTACKED THE BRITISH AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS OF THAT PERIOD FOR AGGRESSION AGAINST EGYPT.

IN HIS 75-MINUTE SPEECH NASSER MADE NO MENTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

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NIGHT LEAD DE GAULLE
PARIS, DEC. 23 (AP)-PREMIER DE GAULLE HAS BEGUN PLANNING A TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES EARLY NEXT YEAR, OFFICIALS IN A POSITION TO KNOW SAID TODAY.

A DE GAULLE PRESS SPOKESMAN INSISTED, HOWEVER, THAT NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE.

NO FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT IS EXPECTED UNTIL AFTER DE GAULLE IS INSTALLED AS PRESIDENT OF THE FIFTH REPUBLIC JAN. 8.

DE GAULLE HAS TWICE BEEN INVITED TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, ONCE LAST SUMMER AND AGAIN LAST WEEK. THE INVITATIONS WERE EXTENDED PERSONALLY BY SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES.

THE TRIP WILL GIVE DE GAULLE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TALKS WITH PRESIDENT EISENHOWER ON QUESTIONS WITHIN THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION.

ONE IS DE GAULLE'S RECENT LETTERS TO EISENHOWER AND BRITISH PRIME MINISTER MACMILLAN. THE NOTES SUGGEST GREATER BIG THREE CONSULTATION ON GLOBAL PROBLEMS. IN EFFECT, DE GAULLE ASKED A BIGGER VOICE IN NATO FOR FRANCE, WHOSE INSTABILITY BEFORE HE ASSUMED POWER DROPPED HER OUT OF LEADERSHIP IN THE WEST.

A DE GAULLE-EISENHOWER TALK WOULD ALSO PROVIDE PERHAPS THE BEST OPPORTUNITY TO IRON OUT TWO STICKY PROBLEMS NATO IS HAVING WITH FRANCE. ONE IS FRENCH RELUCTANCE TO GIVE NATO SITES FOR INTERMEDIATE RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILES. THE SECOND IS HER HESITATION TO INTEGRATE HER AIR FORCE WITH THOSE OF OTHER NATO NATIONS.

IF FRANCE IS GIVEN A BIGGER VOICE IN THE WEST'S PLANNING THE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS OF HER PART IN THE DEFENSE STRUCTURE PROBABLY WILL DISSOLVE RAPIDLY.

DE GAULLE POLITELY TURNED DOWN HIS FIRST INVITATION TO WASHINGTON, EXPLAINING HE WAS IN THE MIDST OF GOVERNMENTAL REFORMS FOLLOWING COLLAPSE OF THE FOURTH REPUBLIC. WITH APPROVAL OF A NEW CONSTITUTION, ELECTION OF A NEW PARLIAMENT AND PRESIDENT, PLUS A SERIES OF DECREES, DE GAULLE HAS HIS HOUSE IN GOOD ORGANIZATIONAL ORDER, AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT.

DE GAULLE LEFT PARIS TODAY TO SPEND CHRISTMAS ON HIS ESTATE AT COLOMBEY LES DEUX EGLISES, 150 MILES EAST OF PARIS.

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(280) FIREPOWER

WASHINGTON, DEC. 23 (AP)-THE ARMY, REVERSING THE EMPHASIS ON MISSILES AND SPACE WARFARE, ANNOUNCED TODAY ADDITION OF CONVENTIONAL ARTILLERY PIECES TO ITS NEW STYLE DIVISIONS.

THE ADDITIONAL FIREPOWER FOR INFANTRY DIVISIONS WILL BE GAINED FROM 30 155-MM. HOWITZERS, 18 MORE OF THESE TRIED AND TRUE WEAPONS THAN ARE NOW PRESENT IN DIVISIONS.

THE INFANTRY DIVISION, HOWEVER, WILL HOLD ON TO ITS NEWER WEAPONS, SUCH AS THE HONEST JOHN ROCKET AND 8-INCH HOWITZERS, BOTH CAPABLE OF FIRING NUCLEAR SHELLS. EACH DIVISION, MOREOVER, WILL GET ITS OWN RADIOLOGICAL SECTION TO DETERMINE THE DEGREE OF FALL-OUT THAT MIGHT BE PRESENT IN THE BATTLE AREA.

THE ARMY SAID THAT THE CHANGES WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY BE APPLIED TO NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE INFANTRY DIVISIONS, WILL BE CARRIED OUT WITH NO INCREASE IN MANPOWER OF 13,748 OFFICERS AND MEN FOR EACH DIVISION.

A FURTHER INCREASE IN FIREPOWER WITHIN THE DIVISION WILL BE ACHIEVED BY THE ADDITION OF A FIFTH RIFLE COMPANY TO EACH OF THE FIVE BATTLE GROUPS IN EACH DIVISION. THE ARMY SAID THAT IT WILL BE ABLE TO MAN THE EXTRA GUNS AND RIFLES BY REORGANIZATION AND ELIMINATION OF SOME JOBS SUCH AS COOKS' HELPERS.

THE ARMORED DIVISIONS ARE ALSO DUE FOR MINOR REORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE MORE CAPABILITY FOR MAINTAINING AIRCRAFT AND TO IMPROVE RECONNAISSANCE.

A MORE RADICAL CHANGE IS SCHEDULED FOR ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENTS. THE BATTALIONS AND COMPANIES OF SUCH REGIMENTS WILL HEREAFTER BE KNOWN AS SQUADRONS AND TROOPS, ALTHOUGH HORSES HAVE LONG SINCE PASSED OUT OF THE ARMY AND CAVALRYMEN NOW RIDE IN AIRCRAFT.

EACH REGIMENT, NOW HAVING ONLY EIGHT AIRCRAFT, WILL HEREAFTER HAVE 20 CRAFT, INCLUDING BOTH HELICOPTER AND FIXED WING MACHINES.

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AP FOREIGN SERVICE ADVANCE FOR TUESDAY PMS
BY SEYMOUR TOPPING

(ADVANCE) BERLIN, DEC. 23 (AP)-CHILDREN SINGING CAROLS AS U.S. ARMY TANKS RUMBLE BY ... MINKS AND DIAMOND STUDS AT GAY HOLIDAY PARTIES AND TATTERED REFUGEES FROM THE COMMUNIST EAST ... A CITY BLESSED BY PROSPERITY AND NAGGED BY FEAR.

THIS IS WEST BERLIN AT CHRISTMAS TIME--FIVE MONTHS AND FOUR DAYS BEFORE THE RUSSIAN ULTIMATUM FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALLIED TROOPS EXPIRES.

"WE WEST BERLINERS ARE NO HEROES," SAYS KARL-HEINZ HAGEN, EDITOR OF THE NEWSPAPER BZ. "BUT WE WILL KEEP OUR NERVE. THERE IS NO OTHER CHOICE."

SO THE 2,200,000 WEST BERLINERS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN THEIR TRADITIONAL WAY. THEY TRY TO FORGET THEIR ISOLATION IN THE HEART OF COMMUNIST EAST GERMANY.

CHRISTMAS TREES WITH STRINGS OF WHITE LIGHTS STAND EVERYWHERE. THE GERMAN SANTA CLAUS, DER WEIHNACHTSMANN, HAS READIED MORE SHINING TOYS FOR THE CHILDREN THAN EVER BEFORE.

IN THE SHADOW OF THE BOMB-SCARRED KAISER WILHELM MEMORIAL CHURCH, GLIGGERING KURFUERSTENDAMM BOULEVARD PULSATES WITH MERRY-MAKERS AND LAST-MINUTE SHOPPERS.

THE GREAT CINEMAS ARE SHOWING SUCH AMERICAN PICTURES AS FRANCOISE SAGAN'S SEXY "BONJOUR TRISTESSE," AND WALT DISNEY'S FILM OF A BOY AND HIS DOG, "OLD YELLER."

THEATERS ARE SOLD OUT. IN THE OPERAHOUSE ROUND-EYED YOUNGSTERS SIT BESIDE THEIR PARENTS WITNESSING HUMPERDINCK'S "HANSEL AND GRETEL."

IN SMART NIGHT SPOTS AND ON THE ROOF GARDEN OF THE NEW LUXURY BERLIN HILTON HOTEL CHAMPAGNE SPARKLES. STEAMING RUM GROG AND BEER ARE RELISHED NO LESS IN THE PUBS AND CAFES IN THE WORKERS DISTRICTS.

YET UNDER THE CITY'S SKIN, THERE IS A GNAWING APPREHENSION OF THE RUSSIANS, BLOCKADE AND WAR.

IT DOESN'T SHOW PLAINLY IN THE NEWSPAPERS OR IN CASUAL CONVERSATION. THERE IS NO PANIC BUYING AND BUSINESSMEN ARE STANDING FIRM GENERALLY. BUT YOU OVERHEAR A MOTHER'S ANXIOUS QUESTION ABOUT THE FUTURE.

"PRAY THIS CHRISTMAS THAT THE RUSSIANS DON'T GOBBLE US UP," SAID GEORG KANNEMANN, A YOUNG STREETCAR CONDUCTOR.

THOUSANDS OF MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE STREAMING INTO WEST BERLIN FROM EAST AND WEST GERMANY FOR ANNUAL REUNIONS OF FAMILIES SPLIT BY THE IRON CURTAIN.

"THIS MAY BE OUR LAST REUNION," SAID AN EAST GERMAN WOMAN. WHEN THE SOVIET ULTIMATUM RUNS OUT, THE RUSSIANS SAY THEY INTEND TO END THE FOUR-POWER STATUS OF BERLIN. THEN THE REDS MIGHT CLOSE

THE EAST BERLIN BORDER AND BLOCK EAST GERMANS FROM TRAVELING TO WEST BERLIN.

WEST BERLINERS THINK THE DANGER OF WAR WILL BECOME ACUTE WHEN THE RUSSIANS TRANSFER TO THE EAST GERMAN SATELLITE REGIME THEIR CONTROLS OVER ALLIED SUPPLY LINES TO WEST GERMANY.

THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN AND FRANCE SAY THEY WILL RESIST EAST GERMAN CONTROLS. AND THE RUSSIANS ARE RETORTING THAT AN ALLIED EFFORT TO RAM THROUGH TO ISOLATED WEST BERLIN BY FORCE MIGHT TRIGGER WORLD WAR III.

WEST BERLINERS, SURROUNDED BY 400,000 RUSSIAN TROOPS, KNOW WHAT THEIR FATE WILL BE IF WAR COMES. NEVERTHELESS, THEY HAVE DEFIANTLY AND OVERWHELMINGLY REJECTED THE SOVIET BID TO CONVERT THEIR METROPOLIS INTO A DEFENSELESS "FREE CITY."

"WE RELY ON THE SECURITY GUARANTEE OF OUR ALLIES," SAYS MAYOR WILLY BRANDT.

SHOWING THEIR PERSONAL FEELING, WEST BERLINERS HAVE INVITED THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN, BRITISH AND FRENCH SOLDIERS INTO THEIR HOMES FOR CHRISTMAS MEALS AND DRINKS.

THE ALLIED GARRISONS, CONSISTING OF 9,000 FIGHTING MEN, ARE IN TURN ENTERTAINING THOUSANDS OF GERMAN REFUGEES AND ORPHANED CHILDREN.

SPEAKING FOR THE 7,000 AMERICAN SOLDIERS, FAMILIES AND CIVILIANS, MAJ. GEN. BARKSDALE HAMLETT, THE U.S. CITY COMMANDANT, SAID:

"THE CHRISTMAS SEASON FINDS THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN BERLIN PREPARING FOR THE HOLIDAYS IN MUCH THE SAME MANNER AS OUR AMERICANS BACK HOME. WE ARE GOING WITH OUR GERMAN AND ALLIED NEIGHBORS TO FESTIVE AND RELIGIOUS EVENTS AND ALL HOPE TO MAKE CHRISTMAS OF 1958 A JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON.

"LIKE OUR GERMAN AND ALLIED FRIENDS, AMERICANS HERE REGARD THE PRESENT SITUATION AS SERIOUS, BUT ALL OF US ARE REMAINING CALM. WE AMERICANS HERE IN BERLIN, LIKE OUR ALLIES AND THE RUGGED BERLINERS, ARE NOT PREDISPOSED TO LET THE COMMUNIST THREATS AND WAR OF NERVES AFFECT OUR FEELING OF OPTIMISM TOWARD THE NEW YEAR 1959."

DESPITE NEW RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION AND A DELUGE OF COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA, CHRISTMAS WILL HAVE SOME BRIGHTER ASPECTS THIS YEAR IN EAST BERLIN.

AMID THE BOMB-SCARRED BUILDINGS AND RUINS, NEW SHOPS HAVE OPENED, BOASTING EXPENSIVE BUT PRESENTABLE WOMENS' CLOTHES, SOME OF THEM IMPORTED FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THERE IS MORE FOOD IN THE SHOPS. THE TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS GOOSE, A RARE LUXURY IN PREVIOUS YEARS, CAN BE BOUGHT REASONABLY BY THE AVERAGE FAMILY.

THOUSANDS OF EAST GERMANS WILL BE COMING INTO EAST BERLIN ON GOVERNMENT-ARRANGED TOURS TO ATTEND OPERAS, THEATERS AND VARIETY SHOWS.

ON MARX-ENGELS PLATZ, EAST BERLIN'S RED SQUARE, MERRY-GO-ROUNDS AND FERRIS WHEELS SPIN GAILY AT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR.

BUT THE OVER-ALL SCENE IN EAST BERLIN REMAINS A BLEAK ONE, EVEN AT CHRISTMAS.

"DON'T LET THE COMMUNISTS MOVE INTO WEST BERLIN," WHISPERS A YOUNG EAST BERLIN WORKER TO A VISITING AMERICAN REPORTER. THE REMARK IS REPEATED BY OTHERS A DOZEN TIMES OVER.

BERLINERS, IN THE EAST AND IN THE WEST, ARE EXPECTED TO CROWD THE CHURCHES THIS CHRISTMAS.

EVANGELICAL BISHOP DIBELIUS AND CATHOLIC CARDINAL DOEPFNER--BOTH BARRED FROM TRAVELING INTO EAST GERMANY--WILL BROADCAST CHRISTMAS MESSAGES FROM WEST BERLIN TO THEIR CONGREGATIONS IN THE EAST.

WEST BERLINERS WILL LIGHT TALL CHRISTMAS TREES ALONG THEIR BORDERS TO TELL THEIR NEIGHBORS IN THE EAST THAT THEY ARE NOT FORGOTTEN.

END ADVANCE FOR PMS OF TUESDAY, DEC. 23 MOVED DEC. 22.
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BERLIN, DEC. 23 (AP)--COMMUNIST EAST GERMANY TONIGHT DISCLOSED IT HAS SECRETLY CONVICTED A GROUP OF EAST GERMANS ON CHARGES OF TRYING TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT.

THE OFFICIAL EAST GERMAN NEWS AGENCY ADN GAVE A CURT REPORT ON THE TRIAL. IT MERELY SAID THAT A GROUP CONSISTING OF "SCHROEDER, LUCHT, LOEST AND OTHERS" WERE CONVICTED TODAY IN HALLE AND GIVEN PRISON SENTENCES RANGING FROM THREE TO TEN YEARS.

THE TRIAL LASTED FOUR DAYS, BUT THERE HAD BEEN NO HINT THAT SUCH A TRIAL WAS TAKING PLACE.

ADN SAID THE DEFENDANTS HAD FOUNDED COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY GROUPS IN LEIPZIG AND HALLE TO "ELIMINATE THE GOVERNMENT AND THE SOCIAL ORDER OF THE DDR (EAST GERMANY) WITH THE AID OF PLANNED UNDERMINING."

THE GROUPS WERE ALLEGEDLY FOUNDED IN 1956 AND 1957, A PERIOD WHEN THE FEVER OF THE ANTI-COMMUNIST REVOLT IN HUNGARY WAS SPREADING THROUGH EAST GERMANY.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TRIAL CAME SHORTLY AFTER THE EAST GERMAN REGIME ANNOUNCED FOUR JESUIT PRIESTS HAD BEEN CONVICTED ON CHARGES OF ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES.

THEY WERE ACCUSED OF GETTING SPY ORDERS IN EAST GERMANY. THEIR SENTENCES RANGED FROM A YEAR AND THREE MONTHS TO FOUR YEARS.

INFORMATION BUREAU WEST, A PRIVATE WEST BERLIN INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, SAID ITS RECORDS SHOWED THE HALLE GROUP WAS ARRESTED IN 1957.

THREE INDIVIDUALS NAMED BY ADN WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE BUREAU AS DR. HARRO LUCHT, RUSSIAN LANGUAGE PROFESSOR AT THE COMMUNIST-RUN MARTIN LUTHER UNIVERSITY IN HALLE, AND RONALD LOEST AND DR. ROLF SCHROEDER, ASSISTANTS IN THE SLAVIC INSTITUTE OF THE KARL MARX UNIVERSITY IN LEIPZIG. THE THREE WERE ARRESTED WITH A GROUP OF STUDENTS.

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AP FOREIGN SERVICE ADVANCE FOR TUESDAY PMS

(ADVANCE) UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., DEC. 23 (AP)--RICE MAY BE THE MAIN DIET OF ABOUT HALF THE WORLD'S POPULATION, BUT U.N. FOOD AND HEALTH OFFICIALS KNOW LESS ABOUT IT THAN ANY OTHER MAJOR CROP.

ABOUT 95 COUNTRIES GROW RICE. ASIA PRODUCES MORE THAN 90 PER CENT OF THE ANNUAL WORLD OUTPUT OF 190 MILLION TONS. AND SOME 70 MILLION TONS OF THIS IS GROWN BEHIND THE BAMBOO CURTAIN.

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JOHN DRAKE OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION SAYS RICE IS MORE OF A SUBSISTENCE CROP THAN ANY OTHER IN THE WORLD. LESS THAN HALF THE TOTAL YIELD IN ASIA EVER REACHES ANY MARKET. THE BULK OF THE CEREAL IS EATEN ON THE FARMS WHERE IT IS GROWN, OR IS BARTERED BETWEEN NEIGHBORS--LEAVING STATISTICIANS IN THE DARK AS TO WHAT IS GOING ON.

THERE ISN'T EVEN A GLOSSARY FOR THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF RICE. IT'S DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE A PRECISE DESCRIPTION TO A DISTANT BUYER. IN MOST DEALS, SAMPLES OF THE ACTUAL GRAIN MUST BE SENT BY MAIL. THIS LACK OF DATA HAS HAMPERED SCIENTISTS AND AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS TRYING TO BETTER CONDITIONS IN UNDERDEVELOPED FAR EASTERN LANDS. ISOLATED TESTS SHOWED THEM THAT THE HEALTH OF 800,000 ASIANS COULD BE IMPROVED VASTLY BY RAISING THE NUTRITIONAL QUALITY OF THEIR RICE DIET. THE PROJECT WOULD COST LESS THAN \$1 A PERSON PER YEAR. RICE IS A RICH, NATURAL SOURCE OF VITAMIN B-1, BUT THIS VITAMIN AND OTHERS OF THE B-COMPLEX FAMILY ARE REMOVED IN POLISHING THE CEREAL.

DEFICIENCY OF B-1 LEADS TO BERI-BERI, A DISEASE THAT FELS TENS OF THOUSANDS IN THE RICE-EATING COUNTRIES. SCIENTISTS HAVE PRODUCED DRAMATIC RESULTS BY INCREASING THE NUTRITIVE VALUE OF RICE IN SMALL SECTORS, BUT THEY HAVE HAD A FRUSTRATING TIME TRYING TO COMBAT BERI-BERI THROUGHOUT THE ASIAN RICE BOWL. JAPAN GETS 2,352 POUNDS OF RICE PER ACRE, WHILE THE INDIAN YIELD AVERAGES LESS THAN A THIRD OF THAT. AS A RESULT, INDIA, WITH THE LARGEST ACREAGE IN THE WORLD UNDER RICE, HAS RELATIVELY THE LOWEST PRODUCTION.

SCIENTISTS ARE TRYING TO TACKLE THE JOB BY CROSSING THE VARIOUS TYPES, BUT IT REQUIRES SAMPLES OF RICE FROM ALL OVER ASIA AND THIS IS A JOB THEY ARE STILL TRYING TO GET THEIR TEETH INTO. END ADVANCE FOR TUESDAY PMS--MOVED DEC. 22

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NEW YORK, DEC. 23 (AP)--EDMUND STEVENS, ACTING CORRESPONDENT FOR THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING CO. IN MOSCOW, WAS DENIED PERMISSION TODAY TO MAKE FURTHER BROADCASTS FROM THE RUSSIAN CAPITAL.

AN NBC SPOKESMAN HERE SAID STEVENS WAS INTERRUPTED IN THE MIDDLE OF A TRANSMISSION AND LATER SENT A CABLE STATING THAT HE HAD BEEN BANNED FROM BROADCASTING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. NO REASON WAS GIVEN FOR THE RESTRICTION.

STEVENS IS ALLOWED TO USE CABLE FACILITIES AND REGULAR TELEPHONE CIRCUITS, NBC SAID, ADDING THAT THE VOICE QUALITY OF THE LATTER IS FAR INFERIOR TO BROADCAST TRANSMISSIONS.

STEVENS, WHO WORKS ALSO FOR THE TIME MAGAZINE IN MOSCOW, HAS BEEN REPRESENTING NBC IN MOSCOW SINCE LAST SATURDAY WHEN THE NETWORK'S REGULAR CORRESPONDENT, IRVING R. LEVINE, LOST THE USE OF BROADCASTING FACILITIES.

LEVINE TOLD THE NETWORK HE HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH VIOLATING CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS AND THAT THE DURATION OF THE BROADCASTING BAN DEPENDED ON HOW HE ABIDED BY CENSORSHIP RULES IN TELEPHONE AND CABLE MESSAGES SENT THEREAFTER.

LEVINE NOW IS EN ROUTE TO THIS COUNTRY.

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SEOUL, DEC. 23 (THE U.S. 8TH ARMY SAID TODAY COURT-MARTIAL CHARGES OF UNPREMEDIATED MURDER AND ASSAULT HAVE BEEN LODGED AGAINST SP4/C JHN S. RAYMOS, 20, LEAVENWORTH, KAN. THE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING.

THE CHARGES FOLLOWED AN INVESTIGATION BY THE SEOUL AREA COMMAND PROVOST MARSHAL AND THE SOUTH KOREAN NATIONAL POLICE.

RAYMOS, ASSIGNED TO THE 21ST FINANCE DISBURSING DETACHMENT, SEOUL, IS ACCUSED OF KILLING SHIM CHIN TAEK, 61, OF SEOUL WITH A KNIFE DURING A QUARREL IN DOWNTOWN SEOUL DEC. 14. RAYMOS IS ALSO CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING CHO HYONG SHIK, 19, OF SEOUL, WITH A KNIFE AT THE SAME TIME.

AN ARMY SPOKESMAN SAID CHARGES PREFERRED AGAINST RAYMOS WILL BE INVESTIGATED FURTHER.

HE ADDED "THIS FORMAL INVESTIGATION, FOLLOWING U.S. MILITARY LEGAL PROCEDURE, IS MADE TO INSURE THE AVAILABLE EVIDENCE WARRANTS THE CHARGES AND TO PERMIT RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING DISPOSITION OF THE CHARGES BY AN IMPARTIAL INVESTIGATING OFFICER."

RAYMOS IS BEING HELD AT THE 8TH ARMY STOCKADE IN ASCOM, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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PRECEDENCE LONDON SOVIET
MOSCOW, DEC. 23 (AP)--THE SOVIET UNION OFFERED AGAIN TONIGHT TO TALK OVER EUROPE'S SECURITY PROBLEMS WITH THE WEST IF THE NATO NATIONS AGREE NOT TO MAKE GERMAN UNITY A PRELIMINARY CONDITION.

THE OFFER WAS CARRIED IN A LONG POLICY STATEMENT BY TASS, THE OFFICIAL SOVIET NEWS AGENCY, AND WAS BROADCAST BY MOSCOW RADIO.

THE STATEMENT SAID THE NATO POWERS IGNORED SOVIET WARNINGS ABOUT THEIR STAND PRIOR TO THE RECENT NATO COUNCIL MEETING IN PARIS. IT ACCUSED THE WEST OF FAILING TO PRODUCE CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS FOR WORLD PEACE.

TASS SAID THERE WAS NO INSURMOUNTABLE OBSTACLE BLOCKING ACHIEVEMENT OF EUROPEAN SECURITY IF THE WEST'S DEMAND FOR THE REUNIFICATION OF GERMANY WAS DROPPED LOWER ON THE AGENDA.

"IN SUCH AN EVENT, THE SOVIET UNION WILL BE READY TO SIT DOWN AT THE SAME TABLE WITH OTHER INTERESTED STATES TO DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS," SAID A MOSCOW RADIO BROADCAST OF THE TASS STATEMENT.

TASS DECLARED:

"FAITHFUL TO ITS PEACEFUL POLICY, THE SOVIET UNION WILL CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE FOR THE LIQUIDATION OF THE COLD WAR, THE CESSATION OF THE ARMS RACE, THE BANNING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND A COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION AMONG STATES."

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NIGHT LEAD QUEMOYS
TAIPEI, DEC 23 (AP)--THE DEFENDERS OF THE QUEMOY ISLANDS AND THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS TODAY FOUGHT ONE OF THE HEAVIEST ARTILLERY DUELS IN TWO MONTHS.

THE COMMUNISTS, WARMED UP SLOWLY AND THEN LET LOOSE WITH A FIERCE BOMBARDMENT AT NOON. FROM MIDNIGHT TO MIDDAY, THE REDS LOBBED OVER ONLY 27 SHELLS. BY NIGHTFALL THE COUNT ROSE TO 4,057.

THE NATIONALISTS, RECENTLY ARMED WITH EIGHT-INCH HOWITZERS, STRUCK BACK SPIRITEDLY, A DEFENSE MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID.

WITH THE OFF-SHORE WAR ENTERING ITS FIFTH MONTH, THE DEFENSE MINISTRY REPORTED 105 CIVILIANS ON THE ISLANDS HAD BEEN KILLED SO FAR AND 299 WOUNDED; 3,695 CIVILIAN HOMES DESTROYED, 2,923 OTHERS DAMAGED.

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BERLIN, DEC. 23 (AP)-ALEXANDER A. KLIEFORTH, WILL TAKE OVER NEXT MONTH AS DIRECTOR OF RIAS, THE AMERICAN RADIO STATION IN WEST BERLIN WHICH BROADCASTS TO COMMUNIST EAST GERMANY, THE U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY ANNOUNCED TODAY.

KLIEFORTH, NOW CHIEF OF THE EUROPEAN DIVISION OF THE VOICE OF AMERICA, WILL REPLACE LAURENCE P. DALCHER, CHARLOTTE, N.C., WHO HAS COMPLETED THE TWO-YEAR TOUR OF DUTY.

THE COMMUNISTS HAVE ATTACKED DALCHER AND RIAS BITTERLY IN THEIR PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN CHARGING THAT WEST BERLIN IS THE CENTER OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY SEEKING TO UNDERMINE THE SATELLITE REGIME,

RIAS BROADCASTS A REGULAR PROGRAM OF NEWS, POLITICAL COMMENTARY AND ENTERTAINMENT. ITS GERMAN-LANGUAGE PROGRAMS ARE PREPARED BY A GERMAN STAFF.

COMMUNIST JAMMING OF RIAS HAS BEEN SUCCESSIVELY STEPPED UP, BUT APPARENTLY HAS FAILED TO REDUCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE POWERFUL STATION.

THE USIA ANNOUNCEMENT SAID DALCHER WILL LEAVE NEXT MONTH FOR WASHINGTON TO TAKE UP A SPECIAL CAREER ASSIGNMENT WITH THE AGENCY. HE HAS SERVED FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS IN AUSTRIA AND GERMANY.

THE NEW RIAS DIRECTOR IS THE SON OF ALFRED WILL KLIEFORTH, AMERICAN CONSUL AT BERLIN 1924-27 AND LATER AN OFFICER OF THE BERLIN EMBASSY.

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GAZA, DEC 23 (AP)-U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL DAG HAMMARSKJOLD ARRIVED TODAY FROM BEIRUT FOR A CHRISTMAS VISIT WITH THE U.N. EMERGENCY FORCE (UNEF) TROOPS IN THE GAZA STRIP ON THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI BORDER. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE UNEF COMMANDER, CANADIAN GEN. E.L.M. BURNS. HE IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN THE GAZA AREA UNTIL DEC. 26, PARTICIPATING IN CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES ORGANIZED BY UNEF UNITS. NINETY CHRISTMAS TREES HAVE BEEN FLOWN INTO GAZA ALONG WITH TYPICAL CHRISTMAS FOOD FOR TROOPS FROM COUNTRIES AS FAR APART AS BRAZIL AND SWEDEN.

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MARINE ENLISTMENTS

WASHINGTON, DEC. 23 (AP)-YOUNG MEN ENLISTING IN THE MARINE CORPS AFTER NEW YEAR'S DAY MUST SIGN UP FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS.

MARINE CORPS HEADQUARTERS SAID TODAY THAT A NEW RECRUITING PLAN WILL ELIMINATE THREE-YEAR ENLISTMENTS.

MARINES ALREADY IN SERVICE AND WHO WANT TO SIGN ON FOR ADDITIONAL TOURS OF DUTY MAY CONTINUE TO RE-ENLIST FOR TWO, THREE, FOUR OR SIX YEARS.

THE CORPS SAID THAT ABOUT 85 PER CENT OF ITS RECRUITS ARE ALREADY SIGNING FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS.

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BERLIN, DEC. 23 (AP)-COMMUNIST EAST GERMANY TODAY TOOK TIME OFF FROM ANGRY PROPAGANDA ATTACKS ON YUGOSLAVIA TO SIGN A 70 MILLION DOLLAR TRADE PACT WITH THE BELGRADE GOVERNMENT.

THE EAST GERMAN NEWS AGENCY ADN REPORTED THE 1959 ACCORD WAS NEGOTIATED IN A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE. IT CALLS FOR THE EXPORT ON EACH SIDE OF GOODS WORTH 35 MILLION DOLLARS AND A NET INCREASE IN TRADE OF 40 PER CENT OVER 1958.

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